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Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 24 December 2004.]

Forthcoming official meetings

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, together with the Commonwealth of Independent States, will hold in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 January 2005, its fourth special meeting with international, regional and sub-regional organizations (open to Member States and invitees). All Member States are welcome to attend as observers. Interested Member States are kindly requested to contact the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, extensions 20 or 13).

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held *at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Center, at Les Pailles, Mauritius,* from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

The provisional agenda and annotations are contained in document A/CONF.207/1 and the organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee, is contained in document A/CONF.207/4.

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Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

In accordance with paragraph 8 (a) of document A/CONF.207/4, representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the representative of the Civil Society Forum, wishing to make statements on the opening day, should indicate the name and designation to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2005 regular session

The 2005 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 5 to 18 January 2005 in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda with

annotations is contained in document E/C.2/2005/1[1]. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the Web site of the NGO Section, DESA (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo).

[1] To be issued.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (17-19 January 2005) will take place on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2005

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 17 to 19 January 2005 in Conference Room 2, at the United Nations Headquarters.

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_23930.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 14 January 2005.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will hold its pre-session informal consultation on all matters before the first regular session 2005, on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

First regular session 2005

The first regular session 2005 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 25 January, to Friday, 28 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2005/L.1. Member States as well as observers and other organizations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but not later than 14 January 2005.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Thursday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2005.

Announcements

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 31 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul-flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social*

integration. Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 22 December 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

75th plenary meeting

Introduction of the reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 39 (b), 44, 83 and its sub-items (a) to (d), 84, 85 and its sub-items (a) to (h), 86, 87 and its sub-items (a) to (e), 88 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 89 and its sub-items (a) to (c), 90, 91, 92 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and 109.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which were before the Assembly.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: report of the Second Committee (A/59/479) [39 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II as orally corrected, and III to IV recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 27 of its report (A/59/479) (resolutions 59/214, 59/215, 59/216 59/217, 59/218 and 59/219).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 39 and of agenda item 39 as a whole.

Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/480) [44]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/59/480) (resolution 59/220).

The General Assembly also adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/59/480).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/59/481) [83]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 83 (A/59/481).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 83.

(a) International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/481/Add.1)

By 166 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/59/481/Add.1) (resolution 59/221).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 83.

(b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/481/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/481/Add.2) (resolution 59/222).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 83.

(c) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/481/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report, as orally corrected (A/59/481/Add.3) (resolution 59/223).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 83.

(d) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/59/481/Add.4)

The representative of Benin made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 170 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/59/481/Add.4).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/59/481/Add.4) (resolution 59/224).

The representative of Canada made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 83 and of agenda item 83 as a whole.

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/482) . . . . . [84]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/59/482) (resolution 59/225).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 84.

Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483) . . . . . [85]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report, as orally corrected (A/59/483) (resolution 59/226).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 85.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/59/483/Add.1) (resolutions 59/227 and 59/228).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 85.

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/59/583/Add.2) (resolution 59/229).

By 167 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the fourteenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/59/583/Add.2).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/59/583/Add.2) (resolution 59/230).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision as mentioned by the Rapporteur.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 85.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III, as orally corrected, recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/59/483/Add.3) (resolutions 59/231, 59/232 and 59/233).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 85.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/483/Add.4) (resolution 59/234).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 85.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/483/Add.5) (resolution 59/235).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 85.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.6)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/483/Add.6) (resolution 59/236).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 85.

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.7)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/483/Add.7) (resolution 59/237).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 85.

(h) Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas: report of the Second Committee (A/59/483/Add.8)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/59/483/Add.8) (resolution 59/238).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 85.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/59/484) . . . . . [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/59/484) (resolution 59/239).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 86.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485) . [87]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 87 (A/59/485).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 87.

(a) Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/485/Add.1) (resolution 59/240).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 87.

(b) International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/485/Add.2) (resolution 59/241).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 87.

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/485/Add.3) (resolution 59/242).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 87.

(d) Culture and development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/59/485/Add.4).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 87.

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/59/485/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/485/Add.5) (resolution 59/243).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 87 and of agenda item 87 as a whole.

Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/59/486) [88]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 88 (A/59/486).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 88.

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/59/486/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/486/Add.1) (resolution 59/244).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 88.

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/59/486/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/59/486/Add.2) (resolution 59/245).

The representative of Chile made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 88 and of agenda item 88 as a whole.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/59/487) . . . . . [89]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 89 (A/59/487).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 89.

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/59/487/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I, as orally corrected and draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/59/487/Add.1) (resolutions 59/246 and 59/247).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 89.

(b) Women in development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/487/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/487/Add.2) (resolution 59/248).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 89.

(c) Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/59/487/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/487/Add.3) (resolution 59/249).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 89 and of agenda item 89 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/59/488 and A/59/488/Add.1) . . . . . [90]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 90 (A/59/488).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/59/488/Add.1) (resolution 59/250).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/59/488/Add.1).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/59/489) . . . . . [91]

By 156 votes to 5, with 11 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/59/489) (resolution 59/251).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 91.

Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/59/490) . . . . . [92]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 92 (A/59/490).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 92.

(a) Training and Research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Second Committee (A/59/490/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/490/Add.1) (resolution 59/252).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 92.

(b) United Nations University: report of the Second Committee (A/59/490/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/59/490/Add.2) (resolution 59/253).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 92 and of agenda item 92 as a whole.

Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/59/610) . . . . . [109]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 109 (A/59/610).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 109.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would hold its next and last plenary meeting before the recess on Thursday, 23 December 2004, in the afternoon to consider pending matters of the plenary as well as the reports of the Fifth Committee.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

33rd meeting

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.23, which had been coordinated by the representative of Jordan on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.24, which had been coordinated by the representative of South Africa, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of South Africa orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Cuba and Nigeria.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

United Nations common system . . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.26, which had been coordinated by the representative of India on behalf of the Chairman.

The representative of India orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Canada, Cuba and Nigeria.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Human resources management . . . . . [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.30, which had been coordinated by the representative of Australia on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, the United States and Nigeria.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Programme planning . . . . . [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it a letter dated 20 December 2004 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/59/26).

The Committee also had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.20, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Chairman.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.25 submitted on behalf of the Chairman following informal consultations.

The Secretary of the Committee drew the attention to the omission, through an oversight, of operative paragraphs 10 and 11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee then had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.32, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Norway and Mexico.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement.

The Committee also had before it draft decisions contained in A/C.5/59/L.21, which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Uganda.

In light of the adoption of the draft decision on programme planning (A/C.5/59/L.20 as orally revised), the Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/59/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

Contingency Fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report on the contingency fund (A/C.5/59/27).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of $7, 854,800 remained in the contingency fund.

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/59/L.33 submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the Rapporteur.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions I and II and draft decisions I and II contained in document A/C.5/59/L.33.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.17, which had been coordinated by the representative of Nigeria on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the United States, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Japan, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, India and Turkey.

The Committee then had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.18, which had been coordinated by the representative of Nigeria on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.28, which had been coordinated by the representative of Nigeria on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.29, which had been coordinated by the representative of Austria on behalf of the Chairman.

The Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee of the amounts to be inserted in the blank spaces of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/59/L.31 submitted by the Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the resumed fifty-ninth session of the Fifth Committee would be held in two parts from 7 March to 1 April and from 2 to 27 May 2005.

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/59/L.31.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Panama (on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean States), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Romania (on behalf of the Eastern European States) and Japan.

The Chairman of the Committee made a concluding statement and declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Thursday, 23 December 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

76th plenary meeting

The summary of the 76th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/248/Add.1).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Bolivia (22 December 2004)[1]

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: Mauritius (22 December 2004)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Bolivia (22 December 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Accession: Albania (22 December 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Bolivia (22 December 2004)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Timor-Leste (22 December 2004)

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property
New York, 2 December 2004

Opening for signature

In accordance with its articles 28 and 33, the above Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 17 January 2005 until 17 January 2007, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

Treaty event
Multilateral Treaty Framework:
An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2005: Responding to Global Challenges
United Nations Headquarters
September 2005

Commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000, a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Consistent with the Organization's objectives of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law and addressing the challenges highlighted in the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, entitled "A more secure world: Our shared responsibility" (A/59/565), the theme for the Treaty Event Focus 2005 will be "Responding to Global Challenges".

The Treaty Event will take place in September during the General Assembly at Headquarters. The dates of the event and the list of treaties being highlighted will be circulated as soon as possible. As customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (http://untreaty.un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Ghana
H.E. Nana Effah-Apenteng

Asian States:
Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Kim Sam-hoon

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr. Milos M. Prica
Chargé affaires, a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Panama
H.E. Mr. Ricardo Alberto Arias

Western European and other States:
Netherlands
H.E. Mr. Dirk Jan van den Berg

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S/2004/986	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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